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1. ARCH 16 EGYPTIAN DAILIES COVERED DEP PM WARMIN GAMASY'S
PRESENTATION TO PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES ON NATIONAL SECURITY
AND FOREIGN RELATIONS WITH UNUSUAL FANFARE. FOLLOWING ARE
HIGHLIGHTS:

2. EGYPT: OCTOBER WAR WAS IMPORTANT LANDMARK IN EGYPTIAN
HISTORY SINCE IT PRODUCED BY FORCE OF ARMS ONE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL
FROM LANDS OCCUPIED IN '67 AND TWO SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWALS AS
RESULT OF POLITICAL PRESSURES BASED ON 1973 "VICTORY". EGYPTIAN
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ARMED FORCES FULLY AWARE THAT PART OF EGYPT CONTINUES TO BE
OCCUPIED AND THAT THEIR /BATTLE AGAINST ISRAEL WILL END ONLY
WHEN WE FULLY REGAIN OUR LAND." EGYPTIAN MILITARY STRATEGY
BASED ON MAKING MOST EFFICIENT USE OF ITS PRESENT MILITARY
CAPABILITIES, DEVELOPING ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ARMS AND SPARE
PARTS THROUGH LOCAL MANUFACTURE OR FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES,
AND INCREASING RELIANCE ON EGYPTIAN AND ARAB RESOURCES IN

MILITARY FIELD.

3. ISRAEL: IN SPITE OF LESSON IT TAUGHT BY OCTOBER WAR, AND IN SPITE OF "COLLAPSE OF ISRAELI THEORY OF SECURITY", ISRAEL CONTINUES TO BELIEVE IN USE OF FORCE, IN NON-RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND IN ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INSTALLATIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. AS RESULT, ISRAEL HAS ENGAGED IN FURIOUS ARMS RACE AND HAS MADE UP FOR 1973 LOSSES DURING PAST THREE YEARS AS WELL AS EXPANDING ITS MILITARY POWER. MILITARY AID OFFERED TO ISRAEL HAS REACHED \$5 BILLION INCLUDING \$2.5 BILLION IN 1974 ALONE. ISRAEL HAS INCREASED ARMED FORCES FROM NINE PERCENT TO 12.5 PERCENT OF POPULATION BRINGING TOTAL TO 400,000 MEN UNDER ARMS, VALUE OF MILITARY PRODUCTION HAS BEEN BOOSTED FROM \$470 TO 650 MILLION.

4. SOVIETS: USSR, HOWEVER, HAS REFUSED SUPPLY EGYPT WITH ARMS OR FURNISH SPARE PARTS. IT HAS PRESSURED OTHER COUNTRIES (I.E. INDIA AND ROMANIA) TO REFUSE BECOME ALTERNATE SOURCE OF MILITARY SUPPLIES.

5. LIBYA: IN THINLY VEILED WIFE ATLIBYA, GAMASY TERMED ANY DELAY OR OBSTRUCTION IN REINFORCING EGYPTIAN MILITARY TANTAMOUNT TO INABILITY OF REST OF ARAB COUNTRIES EFFECTIVELY TO CONFRONT ISRAEL. NO ARAB COUNTRIES SHOULD PRETEND TO STOCKPILE WEAPONS FOR FUTURE BATTLE, AS 1973 EXPERIENCE PROVES THAT ARMS SHOULD BE IN HANDS OF CONFRONTATION COUNTRIES, WITH REST OF ARABS KEEPING ONLY WHAT THEY NEED FOR NATIONAL SECURITY.

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6. AGGRESSIVE ACTS PERPETRATED BY LIBYAN AUTHORITIES OBLIGED EGYPT TO SAFEGUARD WESTERN FRONTIER BY BACKSTOPPING BORDER POLICE WITH ARMY TO PREVENT ANY INFILTRATION.

7. ARAB NATIONAL SECURITY IS INEVITABLE AND ANY FUTURE WAR WILL INVOLVE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF ISRAELI EXPANSIONISM BUT AS NATURAL RESULT OF DEVELOPMENT OF ARMS. SECURITY OF RED SEA AREA IS NATURAL ARAB GOAL. SUDAN IS STRATEGIC DEPTH OF EGYPT.

8. COMMENT: WE SEE LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE IN TIMING OF GAMASY'S PRESENTATION, WHICH HAS BEEN PROMISED FOR AT LEAST A MONTH, BUT UNUSUAL PROMINENCE IT WAS ACCORDED MAY BE PART OF GOE PUBLIC RELATIONS RESPONSE INTER-ARAB CONTROVERSY IN WAKE OF CARTER STATEMENT. GAMASY AGAIN MAKES GOE CASE THAT ISRAELI THEORY OF DEFENSIBLE BORDERS IS INVALID AND ONLY ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY EXPANSIONISM. THEME HAS RECENTLY BEEN TREATED IN EDITORIALS (REFTEL) AND BY PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER MUHI AL-DIN MARCH 15 ("ISRAELI

THEORY REDUCED TO CHAFF BY 1973 WAR") IN HIS REMARKS AFFIRMING THAT
PRESIDENT SADAT HAD CLEARLY DEFINED EGYPTIAN POSITION WITH REGARD
TO CARTER STATEMENT BY TELLING PNC THAT EGYPT WOULD NEVER
ABANDON EVEN AN INCH OF ITS LAND.
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